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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Consideration of Possible Problems with Regard to Copyright  
in the Publication of the USSR and China Mainland Atlases

25X1A9a 1. On 9 June 1959, telephone contact was made with Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED] of the General Counsel's office (X3436) concerning the  
problem of any copyright restrictions or conditions that may apply to  
our publication of the atlas of territorial and administrative maps  
of the USSR and the atlas of provincial maps of Mainland China.

2. It was explained to Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
that the maps being  
reproduced in the atlases had been procured on the open market by  
the [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a  
that we planned to publish reproductions or facsimile copies in  
Unclassified atlases with attribution to CIA. He was asked to deter-  
mine whether or not there were any copyright complications in such a  
proposal for publication.

25X1A9a 3. Mr. [REDACTED] called back after investigating the matter  
with the Copyright Division of the Library of Congress and its legal  
counsel. He reported that Russia and the United States do not have a  
copyright agreement, so there is no complication in regard to the USSR  
atlas. The United States did have a copyright treaty with old China,  
but not with Communist China; in view of the lack of recognition of  
Communist China by the United States, there is no copyright problem  
here. He indicated that we could proceed with our publication plans  
for both atlases without any further concern for the copyright issue.

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